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1. Two special departments have been established in the Ministry of Justice for the efficient exploitation of manpower made up of political and ordinary prisoners, as follows:
 - a. One to supply prisoners for agricultural work;
 - b. The other to hire the prisoners out to industrial enterprises.
2. The organizations and enterprises which hire prisoners must pay their wages to the economic section of the Ministry of Justice. The wages amount to 60 to 75 percent of normal wages for free persons.
3. The two departments have sections in every town where there are large prisons or concentration camps.
4. The Ministry of Justice had about 90,000 prisoners at its disposal in 1952.
5. Location of Forced Labor.

The following list does not contain prisons but known places in Hungary where forced labor was being employed. The list reflects the situation as of December 1952.

Ajka - 450 forced laborers in the aluminum factory.

Balatonfenyves - There is a camp for 500 prisoners who work on the state farm of Sandormajor.

Bernátlak - One farm has 700 prisoners. The farm is under the direction of the agricultural enterprise of the Minister of Justice.

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Brennbergbánya - 700 prisoners work in the surrounding areas in the kolkhozes and sovkhoses.

Bérgönd - 150 forced laborers are constructing and maintaining the airfield.

Buda - 600 prisoners are employed at reconstructing the royal palace.

For a short time Prince Pál Eszterházy, who has been tried with Cardinal Mindszenty, was also employed here as a common laborer.

Csabrendek - 350 prisoners are employed in the bauxite mine.

Dudár - 600 prisoners work partly in the mine and partly in the shops.

Baracska - 300 prisoners work on the construction of roads.

Balmazújváros - 2,000 persons interned and expelled from the border zones work in the sovkhoses and the kolkhozes.

Foktő - 1,200 prisoners work in the sovkhos of this region. Several hundred are occupied in road and barracks construction.

Dunabogdány - 100 prisoners in the stone quarry.

Mezőcsaba - A prison camp for 800 people. They work on construction in the surrounding area.

Hajdunánás - 300 forced laborers in the kolkhozes.

Holloháza - 150 internees work in the pottery factory.

Hortobágy-Elep- The largest internment camp in Hungary: 8,000 people are held here in indescribably poor living conditions. During the summer, they are employed on a state farm, in winter on road construction. All the inhabitants of the camp have been evicted from their homes in the border zones.

Inóta - 400 prisoners are employed on the construction of the electric plant, and 1,000 are constructing "aluminum mills".

Isaszeg - 500 prisoners are employed on the construction of barracks.

Iskassentgyörgy - 150 prisoners work on the extraction of bauxite.

Jászfényszaru - 250 internees work in kolkhozes.

Harta - On the state farm of 15,000 acres, 700 forced laborers are employed permanently, and 1,800 during the farm season.

Albertfalva, (near Budapest) - Next to the factory for the construction of prefabricated parts for buildings is a large prison camp for 2,000 prisoners.

Kaloosa - In the internment camp there are always 1,000 internees who work at different enterprises within the area.

Kistarcsa - In the internment camp the number of prisoners fluctuates between 600 and 1,000. This is a reception camp from which the prisoners are transferred to other places.

Kármencsika - 1,000 prisoners are in a camp, and work on large construction jobs in the neighborhood.

Kenderessziget - 200 internees work on the state farm.

Kiskunfélegyháza - 400 prisoners work in a structural iron factory.

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Kunszentmárton - 500 internees are engaged in agricultural work.

Komárom - 300 internees are in a camp south of the city, in the region of Igmánd.

Jászberény - 800 prisoners work at different construction jobs in the area.

Lábatlan - 100 prisoners work in a stone quarry 8 km. from Lábatlan.

Mályi - 600 prisoners work in the brick factory.

Mezőtúr - 800 internees are employed on the construction of barracks.

Nagykálló-Mohipusztá - The state farm permanently employs 300 prisoners.

Óhat-Pusztaköcs - At the edge of the village there is a camp for 2,000 prisoners. From here the internees go to work on state farms and also to a construction job, consisting of a hydroelectric plant at Tiszalák. They stay there the whole week and return only on weekends.

Örögszállás - A camp for 400 internees.

Croszlány - In the mine, 350 prisoners are employed, 300 other prisoners are employed on the various construction jobs.

Miskolc - 400 prisoners are employed on the great project of constructing the university town.

Nyíregyháza - At the edge of town, 500 internees are located in a camp from which they go to work on the maintenance of the railroad lines.

Piliszentiván - A camp for 1,500 prisoners who work in the mines and on the farms.

Piliszsántó - 100 prisoners are employed on a construction job.

Recsk - One of the oldest prisoner camps. The prisoners work in a stone quarry and the copper mine. 3,000 political prisoners are concentrated here. Many among them have never been tried.

Sajóbagony - 550 prisoners work on the construction of an industrial establishment.

Sirok - Prison camp for 1,500 people.

Szentkozmadombja - 800 prisoners work on the state farm and in the surrounding kolchozes.

Szuhakálló-Sajókaza - 600 prisoners are employed in the mines of this area.

Szászberek - 300 prisoners work in the sovkhos.

Tállya - 400 internees are employed in the stone quarries.

Tarcsapusztá - 900 internees work in the sovkhos of the region.

Tarcal - 150 internees work in the stone quarry.

Tatabánya, Alsó - 300 internees are in the camp.

Téglás - 500 internees work on farms.

Törten - 800 prisoners work on military construction jobs.

Törökbalint - 200 internees work on the state farm of Ilkamafor.

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Vác - A prison camp for 200 people.

Vát - 1,500 internees of the area work on different military construction jobs.

Tác - 200 internees are working on the maintenance of the airport.

Székesfehérvár - 250 internees work on the maintenance of the airport.

Urkut - 150 prisoners are employed in the manganese mines.

Uzsabánya - 300 prisoners work in the stone quarry.

Gerendás - 500 internees work on farms.

Tiszapolgár - 1,000 internees are employed in the Sovkhozos and kolkhozos of the region.

Rudabánya - 200 prisoners are working in the mines .

Comments:

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1. To the total figure of this list, it is still necessary to add the number of prisoners kept in the prisons. Most of them work within, but some are allowed to work outside the prisons. All prisons are overcrowded and contain two or three times their capacity of prisoners.
2. It is understood that this situation is not final, for there are constant fluctuations. If, for example, a construction job is completed ahead of time the prisoners are transferred elsewhere.

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